

REMARKS

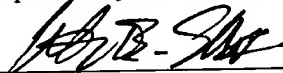
The only issue in the office action mailed October 4, 2006, is the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. It is respectfully submitted that the examiner may have overlooked the prior amendment of July 20, 2006, which amended claims 1 and 18 to recite that the panels comprise a single distribution, mixing and/or extraction chamber, and that the zone Ri, R'i is distinct from any distribution chamber. In order to further clarify the claims, the word "each" has now been inserted before the word "panel". Although applicants continue to disagree with the reasoning based in the office action, it is submitted that the amendments requested by the examiner have been made.

Applicants regret the typographical error which resulted in the discussion of the art rejections being included. It is acknowledged that the art rejections have been overcome.

It is submitted that the claims are all in condition for allowance. However, if the examiner has further questions or comments, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number below so that this application can be resolved without the need for further formal action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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